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S.P. 712

In Senate, February 27, 1996

An Act to Extend Health Care Coverage for Parents Leaving the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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3 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3741-G, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

6 6. **Extended benefits.** Beginning February 1, 1997, the
7 department shall extend the transitional medical assistance
8 program under this section to households that meet the
9 requirements of the program with the exception that benefits
10 under this subsection are limited to 3 years.

12 In administering a program under this subsection, the department
13 shall require reporting of income or circumstances and the
14 payment of premiums according to the provisions of subsections 3
15 and 4.

16 **Sec. 2. Department directed to seek waiver.** By October 1, 1996,
17 the Department of Human Services shall determine whether the
18 purposes of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3741-G,
19 subsection 6 may be accomplished without a waiver of the
20 provisions of the United States Social Security Act, 42 United
21 States Code (1995). If the department determines that no waiver
22 is required, the department shall amend the state plan to
23 accomplish the purposes of this subsection.

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25 If the department determines that a waiver under the United
26 States Social Security Act, 42 United States Code, Section
27 1315(a) (1995) is necessary to achieve the purposes of Title 22,
28 section 3741-G, subsection 6, by December 1, 1996, the department
29 shall apply for the waiver or request an amendment to a pending
30 or existing waiver.

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33 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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35 This bill removes the one-year time limit for transitional
36 medical benefits for families leaving the Aid to Families with
37 Dependent Children program and extends benefits for 2 extra
38 years. It directs the Department of Human Services to determine
39 whether a waiver is necessary and, if so, to apply for the waiver
40 or amend a pending or existing waiver. It directs the department
41 to require the reporting of income or circumstances and the
42 payment of premiums in the same manner as for transitional
43 medical assistance under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22,
44 section 3741-G, subsections 3 and 4.